

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-13 and 15-16 are pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 7, 8, 10, and 14 contain allowable subject matter. (See Office Action, page 6.) Claims 7, 10, and 14 have been canceled, and claims 1, 8, 9, and 13 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicant respectfully traverses the objection. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly recite multiple mounting orientations, as shown in applicant's Figs. 3 and 4. The objection to the drawings is therefore mooted.

Claims 1-16 stand objected to due to informalities. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the recitation of a "circuit board mounted to a power supply unit using at least two different mounting orientations." (See Office Action, page 3.) Amended claims 1 and 8 recite "a circuit board mountable to said power supply unit using at least two different mounting orientations, wherein the current path is configured to change depending on the orientation in which said circuit board is mounted." Accordingly, the objection is moot.

Claims 1-3, 9, 11, 13, and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Okuda (JP09-329982A). Claims 1-5, 9, 11-13, and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Tagashira (JP07-142148A). The rejection of claims 1-3, 9, 11, 13, and 15 are moot in light of the claim amendments. Therefore, the claims are allowable.

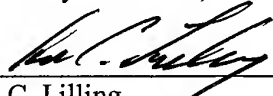
Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Tagashira. The rejection is moot in light of the claim amendments. Since claim 6 now depends from an allowable claim, claim 6 is allowable.

Early action soliciting allowance of claims 1-6, 9, 11-13, and 15-16 is requested.

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